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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Clandestine Services Personnel Staff

SUBJECT : Fitness Report

Bob:

I have been over your re-structuring of the Fitness Report. I think that in format it is probably an improvement but I have two observations. First, I am fearful that in going to only three ratings we will end up with even more "Outstanding" Fitness Reports than ever before. I would think that many raters who now can find comfort in using "Strong" as being above average but not quite out on the end of the limb would be uncomfortable in putting the majority of their subordinates in the great middle group of "Satisfactory." Second, I think that Mr. Karamessines' concept of a forced consultation between rater and ratee should be provided for in the form, in that the supervisor should be required to certify that such a discussion has been held prior to the completion of the Fitness Report and the employee's signature would certify that indeed it had been done. Finally, though not on the form, I think that we probably will end up with some sort of legal requirement that the reviewing officer address himself to those cases in which he differs with the rating officer's evaluation, and though the reviewing officer's written comments may not be shown to the employee, the employee should be given the benefit of the reviewer's evaluation.

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Robert S. Wattles

Att: Fitness Report Form

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